and another duplicate thereof be by him transmitted to every Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. +

The Lodge was then in due form closed until the next annual communication. —

W. R. Davie

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D. McWilliams Junr
Grand Secretary.

Here follows the form of that Constitution solemnly adopted and entered into as aforesaid towit

" We the Members of the several Lodges
" in the State of North Carolina to establish order and
" uniformity, to promote love and charity among Masons
" and diffuse the principles of benevolence and the
" advantages of Masonry do ordain and establish this
" Constitution for the Grand Lodge of this State "

Article: I.

" Section. I. The Grand Lodge shall consist
" of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand
" Senior and Grand Junior Wardens, Grand
" Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Senior and Grand
" Junior Deacons, and the Masters and Wardens
" for the time being of the several Lodges within this
" State, or Representative or Representatives specially
appointed.

" appointed by the Lodge for that purpose; who shall
" be considered as their proxy or proxies; and the
" past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, that is
" to say a past Grand Master, past Deputy
" Grand Master, past Grand Senior and Junior
" Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
" And the said enumerated Officers and Persons
" shall be the only Members and voters of the
" Grand Lodge, except as herein after provided
" in the fifth section of the tenth article. —
" The Master and Wardens of every Lodge are
" the Representatives thereof in the Grand
" Lodge, or their proxy or proxies constituted as
" aforesaid. " —

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" Section: II. " In all cases where special repre-
" -sentatives shall not be appointed by any
" subordinate Lodge; and the Master and
" Wardens of any Lodge cannot personally attend
" the Grand Lodge; they shall have the privilege
" of constituting a proxy: and such proxy shall
" be a Master Mason, and a Member of some
" Lodge under this jurisdiction; and he or they
" shall be entitled to the same number of
" votes as his or their Constituent or Con-
" -stituents. " ——

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Article: II.

Section: I. " A Grand Master shall be annually
" chosen towit, at the annual communication
" and no Person shall be eligible to the office
" more than three years successively. —

for two years with other Constitutions

Section: II. In the election of Grand
" Master a ballot at large shall be taken
" (every Voter writing the name of the Candidate
" he thinks best qualified) and the Brother
" who has two thirds of the votes present
" shall be declared Grand Master elect, and
" installed in due form, according to antient usage.

Section: III. In case of sickness or necessary
" absence, the Grand Master, or any other Grand
" Officer may be installed by proxy, but whoever
" represents them must have sustained the
" office to which such absent officers is to be
" installed, or such office as might have entitled
" him to fill the Chair in the absence of the
" Grand Master. —

Section: IV. " The Grand Master shall appoint
" and commission his deputy, under the seal of

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" the Grand Lodge, and he shall appoint and
" declare the Grand Deacons, the Grand Steward,
" the Grand Marshall, Grand Tiler, and Grand
" Sword Bearer; which appointments shall be entered
" on the minutes of the Grand Lodge. And
" in case any other office shall become vacant
" by death, resignation or otherwise, the Grand
" Master for the time shall fill such vacancy
" by his nomination. —

Section: V.

The Grand Master shall
" when present indispensibly fill the Chair,
" in his absence the Deputy Grand Master; in
" the absence of both the Senior Grand Warden;
" in the absence of these the Junior Grand
" Warden; and in case of the absence of
" all these Officers, the oldest Grand Officer,
" in the Lodge is to fill the Chair. And
" that the Grand Lodge may always appear
" in due form, the Presiding Officer shall
" wear the jewel of the Grand Master; and
" all others the jewels of the Officers they
" respectively represent. —

Section: VI.

No Grand Master, Deputy
" Grand Master, or Grand Warden shall during

" his continuance in office, he Master or Warden to,
" or representative of a particular Lodge; and no Brother
" shall be eligible for either of the said offices, who has
" not passed the Chair of some regular Lodge, to be
" made known by proper vouchers. —

Section: VII. The Grand Master, with his Deputy,
" Grand Wardens, Treasurer, or Secretary shall if
" convenient during his Mastership visit the several
" Lodges under his jurisdiction; and shall examine
" their records and proceedings; and see that no
" innovation be committed in any of them, first
" giving such Lodges timely notice of his approach.
" But in case it should not be convenient for the
" Grand Master, or his Officers to attend as herein re-
" -quired, then and in that case the Grand Master
" is authorized to appoint a skilful and confidential
" Brother for this purpose.

Section: VIII. The Grand Master has full
" right and authority to preside in every Lodge
" under his jurisdiction, with the Master of the
" Lodge on his left hand, and to summon his
" Grand Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary to attend
" him, who are to act in their several capacities
" whenever the Grand Master takes the
" Chair. " —

× No Pro-tho-ject attend

Section: IX.

" The Grand Master, Deputy
" Grand Master, and Grand Wardens shall
" severally at the time of their installation
" make the following declaration: —: I solemnly
" promise upon the honor of a Mason, that
" in the office of —— I will according to the
" best of my abilities, strictly comply with
" the laws and regulations of this Grand
" Lodge and all other antient masonic
" usages. ——

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Section: X.

" That the Grand Master shall
" have power to grant dispensations upon proper
" petition. That the Brethren to whom such
" dispensation shall be granted, make application
" to the Grand Lodge at the next annual
" communication for a Charter. And if such
" application shall not be made, or such Charter
" not granted by the Grand Lodge, the Lodge
" erected by such dispensation shall be
" deemed dissolved. ——

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Article: III.

" The Grand Wardens shall be
" chosen annually by a majority of written

" votes, and must have posed the Chair in some
" regular Lodge." —

Article: IV.

Section: I. The Grand Treasurer shall be
" chosen annually by a majority of written votes,
" and must have posed the Chair.

Section: II. He must be a Brother of good
" worldly substance, and to him shall be committed
" the monies belonging to the Grand Lodge. He
" shall always keep a fair record of his accounts and
" transactions, and the uses to which the monies are
" appropriated; and shall lay the same when required
" before the Grand Lodge, and account for the monies
" as may be directed." —

Article: V.

Section: I. The Grand Secretary shall be chosen
" annually, by a majority of written votes. —

Section: II. He must be a Brother, who can
" write a fair legible hand, and shall keep accurate
" records of all the transactions of the Grand
Lodge

" Lodge. He shall present all the votes and
" orders of the Grand Lodge after they are
" entered, to the Grand Master for his ap-
" -probation and signature. He shall issue
" summonses as the Grand Master may
" direct, and shall give a reasonable notice
" in at least one public news paper of
" every stated meeting of the Grand
" Lodge. And he shall be rewarded for
" his services from time to time as the
" Grand Lodge may direct." —

Article: VI.

Section: I. The Grand Deacons, Grand
" Stewards, Grand Marshall, and Grand
" Sword Bearer must be Master Masons.

Section: II. The Grand Stewards shall attend
" in preparing the feasts on a regular summons
" for that purpose, and they shall always see that
" the Tables are regularly and masonically
" spread." —

Section: III. The Grand Marshall shall attend
" the Grand Feast, and assist the Grand
" Master in the order and arrangement of the

" day; and the Grand Sword Bearer, shall attend on
" all public occasions. —

Article: VII.

" The Grand Toiler shall attend every call
" of the Grand Master, and see present at
" every Grand Lodge, for which services he shall
" be rewarded from time to time according to his
" merits. —

Article: VIII.

Section: I. A Grand Lodge shall be held
" at least once in every year, at such time and
" place as the Grand Lodge shall appoint; and
" when no such appointment shall be made, then
" at such time and place as the most worshipful
" shall appoint. And special Grand Lodges shall
" be held as the Grand Master shall appoint.

Section: II. In the adoption of this Constitution
" and all amendments hereafter made, and in the
" election of Officers, the votes shall be taken according
" to the rights of the several Lodges, and the Members
" of the Grand Lodge; that is to say every Lodge

present

" present by its representatives shall be entitled
" to three votes, whether represented by one or
" more Brethren; and every Member of the Grand
" Lodge otherwise entitled than by being a
" representative of a particular Lodge shall
" have one vote. All other matters in Grand
" Lodge shall be determined by a majority of
" the votes of the Members present, and the
" Brother in the Chair shall have the casting
" vote." —

Section: III.

The Grand Lodge shall have
" power by Charter under their seal in form
" heretofore used, to constitute new Lodges, to
" establish an uniform mode of working in
" all the Lodges within this State, and super-
" intend and regulate the general police of
" Masonry according to the antient usages
" and customs of Masons, carefully regarding
" the old Land-Marks, which are in no account
" to be removed or defaced. —

Section: IV.

The Grand Lodge on granting
" a Charter to a newly constituted Lodge, may
" demand such reasonable fees, as they may
" establish by law." —

Section: V.

The Grand Lodge shall have
" power to call upon the several Lodges for the

" annual and customary dues. —

" Section: VI. The Grand Lodge shall have power
" to establish an uniform rule as to the sums to be
" paid in the several Lodges within the jurisdiction
" of this Grand Lodge for entering, passing and
" raising a Brother. —

" Section: VII. The Grand Lodge shall have power
" to make such laws for their own government
" as they shall think proper. —

Article: IX.

" Section: I. No vote of the Grand Lodge shall be
" reconsidered by a less number of Members than were
" present at the passing of the same. —

" Section: II. No Brother shall be admitted into the
" Grand Lodge but such as are Members, excepting
" Petitioners and Witnesses: Provided that Brethren
" properly entitled by their grade in Masonry, may on
" motion be admitted as visitors. In neither of which
" cases shall they be admitted to vote. —

" Section: III. No new Charter shall be granted
" but upon the petition of at least five known and
" approved Master Masons; nor shall a new Warrant
" issue to any number of Masons residing within
" less than ten miles of the usual place of meeting

of

" of any regular established Lodge, unless by
" special dispensation of the Grand Lodge,
" and the petition shall contain the causes
" which render it expedient that such Charter
" should be granted: with the nomination of
" the Master and Wardens, and the petition
" shall be approved by some regular constituted
" Lodge in the vicinity of the petitioners. —

Article: X.

Section: I. Every Lodge under this

" jurisdiction shall once every year transmit
" to the Grand Lodge the names of their
" Officers, and also the names of the Brothers
" who have been made Masons, passed Fellow-
" -Crafts, and raised to the sublime degree
" of Master Masons, in order that the same
" may be duly noticed in the Grand Lodge.

Section: II. Upon the demise of any

" Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand
" Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer
" of said Lodge shall within six months af-
" -terwards surrender to the Grand Secretary
" the books, papers, jewels, funds and-

" Jurnature of said Lodge." —

Section: III. The Grand Wardens and Grand
" Secretary shall make all necessary preparations
" for every grand Feast, and they shall be assisted
" by the Grand Stewards, or some general undertaker.

Section: IV. Every Brother present at a Grand
" Feast shall be controulled by the Grand Master
" in every thing that pertains to the decency and
" decorum of his conduct. —

Section: V. Every Brother who is an existing
" Member of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina
" at the time of the adoption of the present Con-
" -stitution, shall continue to be a Member of the
" same, he paying up his dues as prescribed by
" the laws of this Grand Lodge. —

Section: VI. No amendment to this Constitu-
" -tion shall be adopted by the Grand Lodge
" until the same after being proposed in writing to
" the Grand Lodge and thereby concured with, shall
" be submitted to the consideration of all the in-
" -dividual Lodges, an adopted by at least two
" thirds of all the said Lodges." —

" Wm R. Davie, G. M
" James Glasgow, D. G. M
" Robert Williams Jun. G. S

} Committee appointed to form this Constitution